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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed April 24, 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Eurex does not describe a securities pooling and allocation unit that allocates an individual security based upon a class of security indicated during an investigation. Examiner disagrees. Examiner has provided many examples of investigating classes of securities to determine individual securities in References U, Y and W. First, Reference U on page 3 (Direct and Rapid Participation) describes Eurex Repo focusing primarily on German government securities. One skilled in the art would realize that this would be a class of securities. Next, in the figure on page 3, the first two listings show 2 individual German securities. Also shown are individual Spanish, French and Belgium securities. Next, Reference W further describes an equity repo basket consisting of securities like ABB, Credit Suisse Group, UBS and Nestle. Also, a General Collateral basket consisting of German Jumbo Pfandbrief issues is also accepted as collateral for repo auctions. Finally, Reference Y has a screen shot on page 3 of various individual securities available for trading that make up a particular basket.

Regarding the issue of investigating a security basket definition, it is *inherent* in the disclosure that Eurex performs an investigation, so it knows to put certain securities like ABB, Credit Suisse Group, UBS and Nestle into the equity repo basket as compared to putting into the General Collateral basket as discussed in Reference W.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHAHID R. MERCHANT whose telephone number is (571)270-1360. The examiner can normally be reached on First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz P. Abdi can be reached on 571-272-6702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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